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Sutton School Committee meets with FinCom

By Edward J. Cooney

SUTTON - The School Committee met with the Finance Committee (FinCom) as part of its regular meeting on January 11. The joint gathering was an attempt to seek cooperative ways of addressing the financial needs of the school system while, at the same time, finding ways to address the financial needs of all other departments in the town.

Chairwoman Sue Horne suggested in her opening remarks that the discussion focus on a dialogue to explain both committees' positions, the topics to include maintenance of effort by the town to match EEO grants from the State, levels of staffing in all areas, enrollment trends and impact of educational reform.

"First of all," Horne said, "when I talked to the Chairperson of the Finance Committee (Claudette Rice), she said she was actually surprised that, at the Town Meeting, we went along with the budget so tax bills could be sent out. She wondered why we did that. We did that so the tax bills could go out. I, and the other committee members, can no longer go along with that. If there is to be an override on this we would like to know how to go about it. Is the best way to do this to seek to exempt Camp Marion? Or whatever way would have us get more money in our budget?"

Horne then introduced FinCom Chairwoman Claudette Rice and eight other members of FinCom in attendance.

Rice began, "We don't know yet what monies we are going to have to spend for the entire town. All indications we are hearing are that it will be the same as last year, if not less. I don't think the town can continue on with only ten million to spend," she said. "As to the schools and other departments like the highway department, it means this town is going to have to seek an override. It's not a nice thing to say, but I don't see any other way of running this town. We don't have any figures as of yet. We don't usually get them until the last hour."

Horne asked if there was to be an override, could there be one specifically for the school budget?

Rice replied that was not within the realm of the FinCom. "All we have is the ability to recommend on the town meeting floor," she replied. "You, as a committee, have the power to get a question on the ballot for that. What we are really looking for from the School Committee and other departments is 'we need "x" amount of dollars to fully fund our programs.' In the interest of the schools," Rice continued, "it should be to fully guarantee that every student is going to be educated to the fullest possibility of their potential."

Rice again remarked that a town the size of Sutton cannot operate on $10M a year. "The schools suffered last year," she said. "They took one of the biggest hits. And in talking to Mr. Spence (Superintendent Gordon Spence), the possibility of losing out on EEO monies for next year is a very serious concern. It was our understanding last year that EEO would not be affected by the cuts made. That's why, when I talked to you, I was surprised over what happened on town meeting floor."

School Committee member Linda Roach said the reason for asking FinCom to tonight's meeting was to inform them that the school committee can no longer "go along like this. We have to take a stand this year," she said. "I have concerns about funds to just finish this year as well as whether we can reach the effort of maintenance for EEO monies."

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Celtic Wannabees!

MILLBURY - No! This is not a picture of Kevin Hartigan running up to cut in on Tom Lucas and Bob Pearson who appear to be doing the latest dance craze, the Lambada. It is a picture of Lucas, lacking any of the basketball skills he formerly had, trying to recover his own rebound through Bob Pearson. These Celtic Wannabees played in an alumni basketball game on January 9 at the high school.

And the winner is...

MILLBURY - Marylou Drapeau (photo above left), manager of Fidelity Co-operative Bank, prepares to draw the winning ticket in the Millbury Public Library Fund raffle. The first prize winner of $1,000 was Mary Mulhane (photo right)).

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We The People

The following is a guest column submitted by Senator Matthew Amorello (R-Grafton) on legislation enacted in the last legislative session and on unfinished business awaiting the 1993 State Legislature.

The former Minority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate, David Locke, was always fond of saying that our state's Legislature is famous for its ability to cram six months of work into 12 months. The frenzied pace of the past week proved this hypothesis yet again.

After accomplishing little for most of the year, the leadership of the Massachusetts House and Senate celebrated New Year's Eve five days late, with a marathon session on January 4 and 5. When the smoke cleared, several key pieces of legislation, including a comprehensive jobs-creation bill and a reform package for Massachusetts' public schools, were casualties of the clock, and expired quietly at the stroke of midnight. Despite these failures, there were some major accomplishments in 1992 that will reap great benefits for the people of the Commonwealth and of central Massachusetts in particular.

In late December, legislation paving the way for a biotechnology park at the Tufts Veterinary School in Grafton was enacted by the legislature and signed into law by Governor Weld. This bill, which I sponsored in the Senate, will enable the Tufts facility to serve as a magnet for biotechnology firms seeking to locate or expand in central Massachusetts, and will make the region a major center for biotech development in the northeastern United States.

This type of partnership is key to economic revitalization in central Massachusetts and was just one of many efforts

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Obituaries

Clarence L. Dumas

MILLBURY - Clarence L. Dumas, 69, of 32 Hemlock Drive, died January 8th in Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, after a long illness.

He leaves his wife of 46 years, Rita I. (Mathews) Dumas, three daughters, Donna M. Dumas of Millbury, Doreen A. Sullivan of Leicester, and Diane M. Liljestrand of Oxford; his ward, Earl Jude Mathews of Charlton; a sister, Loretta Dumas of Millbury; seven grandchildren; nephews and nieces. He was born in Millbury, son of the late Louis and Eva (Departie) Dumas, and lived here for most of his life. He attended Millbury High School and was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, serving in the North Atlantic Theater.

Mr. Dumas owned and operated the Dumas Floor Service Co. for more than 30 years and was still president of the company at the time of his death. He was previously a mechanic for many years at the former Kelley-Chandler Motors Inc. in Worcester. While employed at that dealership, he was awarded a "Doctor of Motors" diploma and was recognized as an expert in the maintenance of Nash automobiles.

He was a member of Our Lady of the Assumption Church, and was a coach, manager and sponsor of various Millbury Little League teams for 14 years. He also served as a water commissioner for the Maple Hillside Water District for 12 years.

The funeral was held January 13 from Turgeon Funeral Home, 64 Main Street, with a Funeral Mass in Our Lady of the Assumption Church. Burial followed in Central Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Memorial Fund of Our Lady of the Assumption Church, 16 Waters Street, Millbury, MA 01527.

Doris R. Cournoyer

MILLBURY - Doris R. (LeFrancois) Cournoyer, 69, of 2 Pearl Street, died January 11th in Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, after a long illness.

She leaves her husband of 50 years, Henry O. Cournoyer; four sons, Thomas H. Cournoyer of Worcester, SSG Ronald J. Cournoyer, U.S. Army, stationed at Ft. Knox, KY, and Edward P. Cournoyer and Paul F. Cournoyer, both of Millbury; a daughter, Paula M. Ogle of Worcester; two sisters, Irene Derie of Oxford and Ruth Bazner of Grafton; five grandchildren; an aunt; nephews and nieces. She was born in South Grafton, a daughter of the late Albert and Eva (Roy) LeFrancois, and lived in Millbury 51 years. Mr. and Mrs. Cournoyer would have celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary on January 31st.

Mrs. Cournoyer was a member of Our Lady of the Assumption Church. She attended Grafton High School.

The funeral was held on January 13th from Turgeon Funeral Home, 64 Main Street, with a Funeral Mass at St. Joan of Arc Church, Worcester. Burial was in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 23 Midstate Drive, Auburn, MA 01501.

H. Janice Lavallee

MILLBURY - H. Janice (Langway) Lavallee, 53, of 21 Carleton Road, died January 12th in St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester, after a long illness.

She leaves her husband of 32 years, Roger A. Lavallee; two sons, Paul L. Lavallee and Peter C. Lavallee, both of Millbury; a daughter, Lisa M. Vaughan of North Oxford; five brothers, Chester C. Langway of Snyder, NY, Paul W. Langway of Upper Saddle River, NJ, Robert W. Langway of Marlborough, Joseph H. Langway of Harwich, and Richard J. Langway of Millbury; three sisters, Phyllis R. Johnson and Patricia A. Fox, both of Webster and Mary C. Policastro of North Brunswick, NJ; a granddaughter; nephews and nieces. She was born in Charlton, a daughter of the late Chester C. and Agnes H. (McLush) Langway, and lived here most of her life.

Mrs. Lavallee was a 1956 graduate of Millbury High School and attended numerous continuing education seminars and courses in banking and financial management.

She was loan officer for three years at the Route 146 branch of the Millbury Savings Bank. Previously, she was a loan officer for ten years at the former Millbury Branch of the Bank of Boston and for two years at the former Old Colony Bank in Millbury.

Mrs. Lavallee was a member of Our Lady of the Assumption Church.

The funeral was held January 16th from Turgeon Funeral Home, 64 Main Street, with a Funeral Mass in Our Lady of the Assumption Church. Burial was in St. Brigid's Cemetery.

Joseph P. Rawinski

MILLBURY - Joseph P. Rawinski, 77, of 27 Singletary Road, died January 6th in the Medical Center of Central Massachusetts-Memorial, Worcester, after a long illness.

He leaves his wife of 55 years, Amelia A. (Lauzikas) Rawinski; two sons, J. Philip Rawinski of Sutton and Dennis K. Rawinski of Millbury; a daughter, Diane A. Richardson of Millbury; a brother, Walter Rawinski of Worcester; two sisters, Mary Kaszynski of Wilmington and Helen Rawinski of Worcester; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; nephews and nieces. He was born in Worcester, a son of the late Peter and Anna (Bialagor) Rawinski, and lived here 51 years.

He graduated from St. Mary's High School in Worcester, and then attended the former Worcester Boy's Trade High School where he earned his fireman's license and his engineer's license.

Mr. Rawinski was a power plant engineer at the former U.S. Steel Corp. in Worcester from 1945 until 1971 and at the former Gordon's Industries in Worcester from 1971 to 1977. He also owned and operated the former Rowins Trucking for many years. During World War II, he did defense work at Norton Co. in Worcester.

He was a member of St. Brigid's Church and of its former Men's Club; of Webster Lodge #1466, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and of the U.S. Steel Retirees of Worcester. An avid angler, he was a former member of the Singletary Rod and Gun Club in Oxford, of the Green Harbor Tuna Club in Marshfield, and of the Plymouth Tuna Club in Plymouth.

The funeral was held January 9th from Turgeon Funeral Home, 64 Main Street, with a Funeral Mass in St. Brigid's Church. Burial followed in Central Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Millbury District Nursing Society, Inc., 123 Elm Street, Millbury, MA 01527.

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Millbury Selectmen's Meeting Digest

Palermo promises cooperation

By Edward J. Cooney

MILLBURY - The January 12 Selectmen's meeting began at 7 p.m. with four of the five members present - Lachance was absent.

Health Insurance

Administrative Assistant Earl Chase reported that picking up 90% of the health insurance costs for four retirees living outside this area would amount to a $3,100 increase in premiums for the town. Presently the town is paying 75% of the premium costs for those four retirees. He also noted that to bring the other retirees under Medex and Fallon Senior Plan up from 75% to 90% would add $16,000 yearly in premium costs to the town.

Gauthier noted that the figures could change as health insurance rates go up.

Chase said the matter needs more discussion as suggested by town counsel.

Introduction

Newly-appointed Superintendent Richard Palermo introduced himself to the board and stated his intent to work closely with all town government agencies to see where cooperative efforts could be enhanced. He said he was attempting to reach out to the community, businesses and parents to develop closer partnerships.

Palermo said he will always be available to answer questions relative to the budget and to clarify questions relative to the mission of the schools.

Board Chairman Jude Cristo said Palermo's willingness to reach out offers an opportunity for general government and education to work together to obtain revenues. It was suggested that some cooperative efforts in bidding processes could mutually benefit the town.

Felters Company

Chet Hanratty, representing the Felters Company, asked the Board to install "no parking" signs along the road leading to the cemetery, up to the bridge and back out to River Street. He said the reason for the request was a tightening up of security and to allow for safer travel between buildings. He also noted that it would prevent parking in those locations by some employees since there is now ample parking available in the company lot following recent layoffs.

Hanratty also noted that there have been some incidents involving minors being found in some of the buildings since the number of employees has decreased. He said security has been tightened at the company.

It was noted that funds for signs are not available, and it was suggested that Felters may want to consider buying the signs. Hanratty said that his company may consider that if the price is reasonable. He will get back to the Board.

Lack of Response

Cristo again raised the issue of the lack of an appropriate response from the State to the Board's letters over issues relating to the Rte 90\146\20 Interchange project.

"At what point do we as a board not just sit back and wait for the State to address our concerns?" he asked. "Are we going to sit down with Town Counsel and address the issues or are we going to complain week after week and get stuck with all of it without the promises made. I don't see anyone from the State down here to talk to us."

Chase said a member of Transportation Secretary Kerasiotes' staff has indicated he would speak with the board.

"Then let's get him in to a meeting," Cristo said. "A public meeting here, not a back room meeting. Let's get the issues addressed here."

Chase said he would try to arrange a meeting for next week.

"If they don't want to come," Cristo said, "then we should consider sitting down with our town counsel. All we do is talk, like the boy crying wolf."

Chase noted that a group of business people along the proposed route in Worcester have expressed concerns and are meeting with the Worcester City Council.

"It will be interesting to see if they get their concerns taken care of," Cristo said.

Early Retirement

The Finance Committee was present to discuss the feasibility of utilizing the early retirement incentive law passed by the legislature last year. The Board has 45 days after voting to put in place such a program. They have yet to vote on the issue.

Finance Committee Chairman Bruce Arrington explained that the town will be facing less free cash this year as it will be down $400,000, which includes $100,000 taken last year from the sewer reserve account. Some of that can be made up by growth, he said.

Arrington also noted that there will be raises to be funded in the school and police departments.

Cristo said the police department raises will be absorbed in the budget.

Arrington said all departments have been asked to present level funded budgets. "At best," he said, "that may be wishful thinking."

Cristo asked if a computer spreadsheet could be developed so the Board could look at updated figures at least on a monthly basis. Arrington said that should be possible. It was noted that the Auditor does not have computers in place for his office to do that but will be getting them in by the end of the week. He also noted that the figures are available in the ledgers in the auditor's office.

The discussion then focused on the early retirement incentive legislation.

Cristo remarked that one position in the Police Department that would fall under the retirement incentive is at a level of $40,000-45,000, He said that would bring in a savings if a person was hired as a starting patrolman.

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Arrington said it is up to the Board of Selectmen to weigh the costs versus the savings.

Cristo also noted that the cost of layoffs in terms of unemployment benefits versus retirement costs is a factor that must be considered.

Based upon the individuals who expressed interest in the early retirement plan last fall, it was calculated that the figure of $34,000 would be required for buy back benefits. Overall, the town could see a savings of $25,000 if rehires were paid at the same pay rate.

There would not be much of a savings in the school department since teachers are not included in the plan.

Palermo said that in the Education Reform Bill, there is a measure that would allow teachers at age 55 with 25 plus years to opt for retirement. If taken advantage of by the Millbury staff, he said, the school department could possibly see a 20-25% turnover.

The plan will be discussed again at next week's meeting, hopefully with some of those interested in retiring in attendance.

Landfill opposition

The Board voted to extend their support to the Town of Webster as they oppose the siting of a landfill proposed for that town and Douglas.

Cristo said he opposes landfills as they "rape the earth." He then asked for a motion to express the Board's opposition, as member of the Resource Advisory Committee, to the proposed siting. Bleau suggested that the motion also include the statement that no regional landfill is to be sited in Millbury. The vote was unanimous.

"No town should be forced to have it if they do not want it," said Cristo.

Correspondence

The Board received two letters that related to commendations from town residents relative to the professionalism and assistance supplied by individual patrolmen and women during recent stressful events.

Another letter asked the Board to take some action as soon as possible relative to the intersection of Riverlin and Grafton Streets. The letter made reference to news reports in the Millbury-Sutton Chronicle concerning delays in getting signage, costs concerns for the possible signalization, and a proposal to tie in the project with the bridge repairs.

River of Life

By Everett Swenson

I stand beside the river
As it slowly wends its way
And watch its ever flowing
Just flowing day by day.

I watch the rippling waters
Flowing constantly and sure
For never is it slowing
As it journeys to explore.

And as it gently wanders
It carries from the lea
The sands and polished pebbles
To deposit in the sea.

And as I stand and ponder
How life is wending on
For time is like the water
It's here and then it's gone.

Our pebbles are our memories
We carry as we go
The sands are life's adventures
To add on what we know.

Our lives are like the river
It flows in steady pace
And soon our life is over
We've reached our sea of grace.

Former local man promoted to Lieutenant in New Hampshire

CONCORD, NH - Robert Marchand, formerly of Millbury, was recently promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in the Concord, New Hampshire Police Department.

A graduate of Millbury High School, Class of 1971, he entered the Armed Forces upon graduation and served with the U.S. Army Military Police in Kaiserslautern, Germany for three years.

In March of 1976 he joined the Concord Police Department as a patrolman. After graduating from the Police Academy, where he ranked first in technical skills and second in academics, he volunteered for the S.W.A.T. team which he currently commands. In July of 1980, he was promoted to Sergeant and served in that capacity until his latest appointment. For the past year, he has been the supervisor of Youth Services.

Married, the father of two daughters, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marchand of Millbury.

Miscellaneous

- Chase was asked to invite a representative from one of three area towns that have developed local access programming to come before the board and discuss how they got started.

- The Board voted 4-0 to send a memo to all department heads and employees asking that they park their vehicles in the rear of the building at night so the general public can find parking spaces in the front. Cristo noted that there were no parking spaces available in front tonight and employees cars were parked there. "During the daytime," he said, "it's different."

- Cristo said Representative Richard Moore's (D-Uxbridge) position on allowing for recall for town officials, as reported in the press, was a paradox since he opposes term limits for legislators. "It might be interesting to hear how he explains that to readers," said Cristo.

Shaw School yearbooks

MILLBURY - January 25-29 is the final week to order your Shaw Yearbook. The schedule for countdown week is as follows:

Monday, January 25, neon order form will be sent home with each student.

Tuesday, Press Day, receive a Press Box Pass if you have ordered a yearbook.

Wednesday, Autograph Day, every student's signature will be included in the yearbook.

Thursday, Dress Up Day, the photographers will be out to photograph every classroom.

Friday, a drawing will be held for "Principal of the Day."

Prizes will be awarded to each homeroom that has met its individual goal. The Yearbook Committee is also looking for private sponsors. This program is sponsored by the Millbury Parents Club and the Millbury School Connection.

If the press didn't tell us, who would?

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Selectmen hold interviews for revaluation co.'s

By Alec G. Belisle

SUTTON - The full Board of Selectmen met January 12 to interview the two companies bidding to win the contract to perform the 1993, state mandated revaluation of the Town of Sutton. The last time Sutton underwent a revaluation was in 1989 which set the base for present property evaluations.

All bidders were required to submit a technical proposal outlining the process they will use in the valuation and a cost proposal. Town Administrator Dexter Blois said the cost proposals have not been opened and the companies to be interviewed will only be able to discuss their technical proposal.

Kevin Comer, president of Municipal Management Consultants (MMC), and District Manager Charles O'Shea, who handles their Worcester County region, introduced the board to their company and the process which is used in revaluation. MMC has been in the evaluation business for 17 years and employs 112 people.

MMC proposes beginning the process after the contract is awarded in February, continuing through August. He said early completion of the evaluations will allow plenty of time for review and timely tax billing.

Comer said that Sutton's system is the program which MMC developed and with which they are very familiar. He said they will use the same procedure they used in Sutton's evaluation three years ago. O'shea would be in charge of the three appraisers who would do the project.

Comer explained that an update is different than an evaluation in that an evaluation involves an interior visit. The update does not require an interior analysis. MMC would analyze all the sales of property in 1992. The appraisers would do a sales analysis and a neighborhood analysis to determine where the sales are taking place and how the neighborhood relates to the land values. They also establish improved property values based on sales in the neighborhood. He said there has to be a land value and a building value for all properties.

"What we try to do with an appraisal approach, whether market, cost, or income," Comer said, "should emulate what people are buying and what people are selling and to establish parameters that can be used across the town." Once an equation is formulated, they then consider other factors like waterfront properties whose values always move up and down. Once this is all done, the results produce a set of values for the entire town. The techniques are all standard and do not change.

In answer to Johnson's question whether sales from other towns are considered in the revaluations, Comer responded that it has a bearing within regions but that there are too many differences to use sales from Millbury to set values in Sutton. Comer added that he could look at sales in other towns for guidance. He gave as an example 100 waterfront properties and only one sale in 1992, "One sale is not a good indicator of all of the values of that waterfront. So," he said, "the only thing that we could do from there is look at other places - wherever we could find that information - other properties close to it, other properties in other towns, whatever we can get to give us guidance."

Connor asked if MMC would respond to inquiries from taxpayers about their valuations.

Comer replied that it was their responsibility to support the valuations and the assessors.

Johnson asked if MMC would be willing to give a presentation explaining their process to taxpayers. He noted that some taxpayers have commented that they felt their valuations were unfair, and he would like MMC to be available to respond to any questions.

Comer said that MMC would give presentations tailored specifically to Sutton explaining what the processes are. He added that it was not a good idea to have this type of public forum after the values are out, "because once someone has their value," he said, "they're not interested in what the process was anymore. It's something that should occur early on - springtime, early summer."

Joseph M. Tierney, vice president of Cole, Layer, Trumble Co., the only other company to bid on the project, was then interviewed. He said there is no difference between the process used by MMC and his company. Cole, Layer, Trumble has been doing evaluations since 1954, "long before they were mandated," he said.

Larry Barber, who is running the valuation in Millbury, would be running the Sutton project.

Tierney said that his company would also be available for public presentations. He added that part of the project is to prepare reports, and his company is prepared to supply them if Sutton's system is not installed. He said he plans to have the valuation completed by July 30 if they can begin work in February. The company has a team already doing preliminary work in Millbury which, he said, uses the same system as Sutton.

Blois said the assessors will sign the contract with one of the two valuation companies. He said the two firms will be graded one and two, "and I suspect that they will probably be fairly close, at least based on my review of them." He said they then look at the price proposal, which has not yet been opened, and see if they are close. If the prices are substantially different and the services close, then the price dictates. The price should not dictate the choice.

Town Assessor Pat Nederoscik told the board that the Millbury-Sutton Chronicle has offered to do an article explaining the valuation process. She said that the assessors thought it would be better to wait until the contract was awarded to have the article done. She said the assessors will meet with the Chronicle to go through the process once the contract is awarded.

Nederoscik also said that public presentations are not new. One was conducted after the last valuation and only five people attended, she said, three of whom worked at the Town Hall. She said the big difference is a renewed interest in evaluations on the part of residents. She said part of the increased interest is that people are now more aware, and the market has been so erratic. She noted that she has been made aware of this same level of taxpayer concern in other towns as well. She said that the assessors included public presentations as part of the contract.

Town Administrator's Update

Blois told board members that he recently attended a Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) meeting to discuss reimbursement for snow removal and related damage caused by the "Blizzard of '92." Blois said the federal aid would be 75% compensation for tree and road work, police and fire department overtime, tree warden work, and removal of fallen trees in the cemeteries. Blois said that $40,000 is his rough estimate of the storm's cost. It will take six to nine months before Sutton receives the reimbursement.

Earth Removal Board

Selectmen interviewed and appointed Jim Crosby and Thomas Hutnak to fill two vacancies on the Earth Removal Board.

Crosby has served on the Board of Health, and Hutnak has served on the Master Plan Study Committee.

Board member Mary K. Connor asked Hutnak, who is affiliated with a gravel removal operation in East Douglas, if he foresaw any potential conflicts of interest.

"Not really," Hutnak responded, "I will go by the letter of the law, and if think there's any conflict, I'll take myself out of it (the decision)."

Connor observed that Sutton had difficulty finding candidates for boards and advised him to familiarize himself with laws and by-laws dealing with ethics and conflicts in order to protect himself later on.

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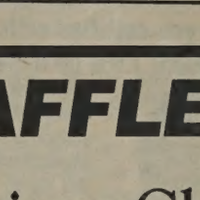

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Spring Session: Classes begin the week of February 8th. Exceptions: Baskets/Nantucket Baskets, Tues. Feb 2 & Thurs Feb 4, register in Art room, bring scissors and rulers; Basketball/Volleyball begin the week of Feb 22; Movies, Herbs for Home, Health and Harvest begin Tues. Feb 23; You & Your ESP, Meatless Cooking begin Wed. Feb. 24th; Perennial Gardens, Thurs. March 4th; Tennis begins April 19th. Driver Education please see write-up.

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PHOTOGRAPHY: Sue Hanam is prepared to work with you at an introductory or advanced level. The idea is to become familiar with the versatility of your camera and to share in the guidance and critique that will make your photography more enjoyable and the quality of your work more predictable. This is not a darkroom course although there is one available. If enough students are interested the course will be extended. 5 Weeks, Tuition $35 "Wednesdays" 7 to 9:30 p.m.

COUNTRY CRAFTS. The tradition of New England crafts turn to the spring season. Barbara Geary returns for this session with plans for a course that offers a variety of crafts. Barbara is a member of the Stencil Artisan League. 10 weeks. Tuition "$45 plus costs for supplies" Wednesdays. 7 to 9:30 p.m.

GED PREPARATION: If you are over age 16 and you left school before graduating, this is the course you have been promising yourself to take. Ed Madden is our experienced instructor. He is great with returning students. Twice a week, for 8 weeks, he will concentrate on preparing you for the English, math and reading that you need. Tuition "$48 and the text is $9" Tuesdays and Thursdays. "7-9:00 pm.

COMPUTER I: For Beginners-Learn how to operate an IBM-PC. This course also introduces participants to word processing. 4 weeks, 2/10-3/10 Wednesdays "7-9:30pm. Tuition $32" Limited to 16 students. Instructor: Vivienne Bedford

COMPUTER II: This course will introduce students to MS-DOS and MS-Windows. Learn how to organize your disk files, load and configure new software on your PC. 4 weeks 3/17-4/1 Wednesdays, 7-9:30 pm "Limited to 10 students" Tuition $32. Instructor Vivianne Bedford

TYPING: In today's world typing is a survival skill. We are pleased to be able to offer this course to interested adults and to students, ages 13 and up. Susan Hanam will be the instructor. 10 weeks, Tuition $43 "Tuesdays" 7 to 9pm.

QUILTING: Join the fun and learn how to quilt. By the end of the course it is hoped that each student will have completed a quilt. The instructor will be Christine Papazian "10 weeks. Tuition $48 plus cost for supplies. "Tuesdays" 7 to 10 p.m.

TENNIS: This course will be for adults only. There will be a session for the beginners which emphasize only the basic skills. The second session will be for Beginners II, those who have already completed the basic skills. Session I Beginners I "6-7 p.m., Session II Beginners II" "7-8 p.m "5 weeks" Tuition $30 "Instructor Claire Corriveau. Starting date 4/19th Registration at high school tennis court 4/19

FURNITURE MAKING: Whether you are a novice or experienced in woodworking, this course is designed to provide you with information and guidance from Jim Carr who is an instructor in wood at Grafton Middle School. Wednesdays "10 weeks" "7 to 10 p.m. Tuition $48 plus cost of supplies

LANDSCAPING For The Homeowner: This course in landscaping will provide a broad, fast moving look at residential landscaping including design, installation, maintenance and numerous special areas. Tuition "$50 "8 weeks" 7-9:30 p.m., Tuesday. Instructor is Rip Sokol. Mr. Sokol is a landscaping consultant and an experienced instructor who gives lectures at the Worcester Horticultural Society.

CAKE DECORATING: We are pleased to have Marie Lessard as an instructor in cake decorating for the beginner. She plans to begin with simple decorations and to progress to birthday and other special events. "10 weeks" "Tuesdays" 7-9:30 p.m. Tuition $45 plus cost of supplies

YOU AND YOUR ESP: This easy and informative six week program will introduce participants to their psychic intuitive properties through a variety of pleasant, experienced techniques. Creative visualization, aura reading, psychometry, crystal ball reading and basic meditative practices will be covered along with historical introduction to occult lore. Wednesday "7-9 p.m "6 weeks. Tuition $35. Instructor Stephen Halpert, Popular Radio-TV Psychic Author and Lecturer. Starting date 2/24

HERBS FOR HOME, HEALTH AND HARVEST: A six week course designed to teach participants about common garden and meadow herbs, the culinary, medicinal and decorative uses, historical background, and lore. There will be recipes and ways to use herbs as well as opportunities to design potpourris, sachets and herbal teas. Small fee for materials. The teacher has had a lifelong love affair with herbs and delights in sharing her information with you. Instructor Tasha Halpert "Tuesday, 7-9 pm" Tuition $35" 6 weeks, Starts 2/23

EXPERIENCING THE GIFTED CHILD: Mrs. Gail McGrail, Teacher in the academically gifted and talented program, LIGHTS is offering a course designed to provide parents of these children with supportive strategies in order to encourage and direct their gifted children. Course content includes the following topics: Recognizing Exceptional Talents, Coping With The Bright Underachiever, Positive Outlets For Bright Kids, Finding Great Learning Materials For Your Gifted Learner, Exploring Community Programs and Resources for Gifted Children etc." "10 weeks, Wednesday, 7-9 p.m. "Tuition $45

BEGINNING OIL & ACRYLIC PAINTING: An introduction to the materials and techniques of oil or acrylic painting for those with little or no previous experience. We will develop skills in learning to handle paint, color mixing, drawing and compositional planning, while working from such subjects as still life and landscape. Instructor Ella Delyanis "10 weeks Thursday 7-9:30 pm. Tuition $48 plus cost of supplies. Mrs. Delyanis is an instructor at the Worcester Art Museum

NANTUCKET BASKETS: Students will make an uncovered Nantucket basket. Tools to bring include scissors, ruler, heavy duty X-Acto knife and a pencil. Cost of materials varies with size of the basket $20-$36. Class is limited to 8 students. 8 weeks "7-9:30 pm "Tuesdays Begins Feb 2nd" "Instructor Nancy Deschenes "Tuition $40

BASKET WEAVING: Beginning and intermediate levels. Class will learn basic splint weaving techniques and progress to individualized projects. Tools to bring include pencil, measuring tape, scissors, awl, heavy duty X-Acto knife and 10 clothespins. Cost of material varies with baskets $5-$10. Class is limited to 8 students. Tuition $43" "8 weeks" 7-9:30 p.m." Thursdays" Begins Feb 4

DRIVER EDUCATION - Afternoon Session: 15 classes. Applications available March 19th at the main office in GHS. Students will be assigned to the class when the registration closes on 3/26. Classes begin 3/30th. Tuition $45 "Tuesday & Wednesday, 2:30-4:30 p.m "Instructor: Ray Wahlgren.

THE MOVIES: A six-week course on the popular history of the movies. This course will consist of lectures on what was going on in film from 1928-1990, excerpts from movies, great discussions and some tea/coffee. 6 weeks" "Tuesdays" 7-9 pm" Tuition $38. Instructor: Stephen Halpert. Stephen is the author of several books and is a popular radio personality. Begins 2/23

DRAPERIES/CURTAINS: A course is being offered in making fully lined drapes and curtains of your choice and style. If you are feeling a bit down after the holidays and want to spruce up your home then why not join the very talented seamstress, Ruth Howden, and make new curtains and draperies. Ruth is not only an experienced seamstress but is also a very capable instructor. 8 weeks" "7-9:30 pm, Mondays. Tuition $42 plus cost of supplies.

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PERENNIAL GARDENS: Begins March 4th. The owner of SweetBriar Perrenial Gardens in North Grafton will present a three week course covering the design and care of perrenial gardens. Denise teaches not only a very enjoyable course but a very informataive one. She covers the basics to specialty gardens such as rock, scented, shady, hummingbird, moon and water gardens. She can help you create a personalized layout of your home. Instructor: Denise Worden. Thursdays" "7-9 pm. Tuition $25. Begins March 4th.

MEATLESS COOKING: This course will feature vegetarian cooking. The author of the Magical Kitchen Cookbook and the Greatest Cookie Cookbook shares her recipes and experiences with herbs, whole foods and meatless cooking. Instructor: Tasha Halpert" "6 weeks" Wednesday, 7-9 pm" "Tuition $38 plus cost of supplies. Begins 2/24

IN THE GYM: Anyone can play, register on the spot either for the semester or one night at a time. $45 for the semester or $2.50 a night. Please have correct change.

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LETTERS from Page 2

moved forward with the help of the bipartisan Central Massachusetts Legislative Caucus.

I was honored to serve as Senate Chairman of the caucus in 1992, when the 28 representatives and senators who serve Central Massachusetts used our combined strength to move ahead several key area projects. Chief among these was the state's $12 million commitment to the Worcester Convention Center project, which will spur the renaissance of the center city and help Worcester attract more national events such as last spring's NCAA basketball tournament.

In September, we opened the Massachusetts Academy for Math and Science on the campus of Worcester Polytechnic Institute. This program allows some 40 local high school students the opportunity to take advanced math and science courses at WPI, where they will gain valuable skills needed to compete in 21st Century society.

The state also moved forward on critical transportation projects like the Route 146/Massachusetts Turnpike Interchange and the Boston-to-Worcester Commuter Rail extension that will make Worcester more accessible to businesses and visitors down the road.

In 1993, I look forward to continue working with my Central Massachusetts colleagues on such important efforts as the location of the Defense Department's $100 million accounting facility in Southbridge and a $30 million emerging technologies fund to further promote biotechnology development in central Massachusetts.

Shortly before the end of the legislative year, I had the privilege of serving on the joint conference committee that shaped comprehensive legislation aimed at improving our state's courts. The judicial reform bill passed January 4 will make our justice system more accountable and efficient, and I am especially pleased with the section which eliminates the so-called de novo process.

Under de novo, persons convicted of crimes by judges had the right to request a jury trial, in order to gain a second chance at acquittal. The de novo system, dating back to colonial times, is an outmoded stalling tactic that clogs our court dockets, wastes taxpayer dollars, and delays justice for perpetrators of crimes.

Other major bills enacted by the legislature at the end of the session include a measure to allow cancer patients to receive health insurance compensation for certain medications proven effective in treating the disease. This legislation means that persons afflicted with cancer will not have to die because they cannot afford appropriate medical care.

The Senate also passed a new law to allow women on welfare to keep more of their benefits once they find work. This will encourage welfare recipients to find jobs and become self-sufficient, breaking the cycle of welfare dependency inherent to the old system.

While these were all significant accomplishments, the waning hours of the 1992 session also wrought the usual mischief of the legislative leadership, which rammed through a $30 million tax increase that will hurt anyone trying to sell a home in Massachusetts. The deeds excise tax hike, which I opposed along with 11 other Senators, demonstrates that those who control the Massachusetts legislature still don't understand the message sent by the voters who elected Governor Weld in 1990. For the new year, I resolve to continue resisting tax increases that hurt the working people of the commonwealth, and wreak havoc with our fledgling economic recovery.

And finally, to all of my constituents who have put your trust in me to serve as your Senator for the next two years, thank you. I promise to continue to earn your trust by staying in touch with your concerns and working for the interests of my district on Beacon Hill.

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The Millbury Jr./Sr. High School Athletic Department and student/athletes wish to thank all the M.H.S. alumni, families and friends who made the recent alumni basketball game night a huge success. Each of the three games played were exciting, and all the former players had a fun night. A special thanks to Terry Bernard, Elaine Bush, Tom and Sue McKenney, and the volunteer parents and active booster club members who did a fantastic job organizing and running this event. Your continued support of Millbury high School athletics is greatly appreciated.
David Wilbur, Athletic Director

Knights of Columbus meeting

GRAFTON - The Grafton-Millbury Knights of Columbus, Benedict Council #2379, will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 27, at 7 p.m. at Council Quarters, Ferry Street in South Grafton.

From My Window on Farnsworth Court

By "Pastor Rae" Cameron

It was my privilege to have been a student at the Providence Bible Institute which became the Providence Barrington Bible College when Dr. Howard W. Ferrin was the President. Under this great man of God, I learned many lessons that have served me well during the years of ministry for our Lord Jesus Christ that I have had.

He thrilled me with his own preaching and gave me a love of the same. Every day we had a chapel service, once a week it lasted for two hours, and once every semester we had a day of fasting and prayer that lasted for four hours over the noonday meal. Believe me, none of this was in the least bit boring, but a vital act of worship and praise.

It has been my practice to try not to be late for any appointments. This has not always been possible, but we were taught that "on time is five minutes early." Being early shows the one with whom you have an appointment that they are important; being late is saying, "I am important, and to... (well, you know) with you."

The greatest lesson we learned was to live a life of faith. Providence Bible Institute had to expand to meet the needs of its students. A million dollar expansion program was being considered when it was learned that Edgewood Junior College in Barrington, Rhode Island had gone bankrupt. We had one of our days of fasting and prayer the day before we were to go to court and acquired this property.

Dr. Ferrin preached on a text from Joshua, "Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow God will do wonders among you." The next day, we were called back to the chapel to be told that with secret bids, we had outbid another group by one dollar. It was called "the Miracle Dollar," and we stood and sang our doxology, "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." Then we sang it again, and then we sang it even a third time.

Dr. Howard W. Ferrin has gone on to be with his Lord. His soloist and song leader was Dr. Carlton Booth and he too went to heaven just this past year. We were always told that we will all meet one day on the corner of Amen and Halleluia Boulevards, and we will again sing the Doxology three times and again and again in praise to our God for all eternity. Amen.

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Another Point of View

Let's Not Waste Energy, Time, and Money!

By Lawrence Moore

The confirmation hearings have provided a delightful change of pace for the jaded TV watcher. There's only one major problem: the sessions have become, as usual, a forum for the display of jaded positions by jaded Senators.

If you've been watching C-SPAN, you know the routine. Each of the showmen get a chance to make opening statements. They vary in content and subject, and in delivery. Some are obviously the work of staff members. Many reiterate well-known positions that have little or nothing to do with the confirmation candidate. Some are absolutely and totally irrelevant. Some Senators, in an effort to appear spontaneous, hem and haw like high school sophomores.

These long position statements, while perhaps defining the stand of the Senator, are so long winded and repetitive that little time is left for the patient confirmee to answer. The confirmee, meanwhile, is busily concocting his (or her) intricate reply that is most often not an answer but more often an evasion. No candidate can be expected to or dares to answer other than in generality or double-talk. After all, most new administration policy questions haven't been discussed, let alone decided. Still, the charade goes on.

Would that we had available the confirmation hearings of 200 years ago. They might have been more combative, more vitriolic, more personal and more searching than 1993, but they probably dealt more with the record and the competence of the candidates than do today's.

For me, the ultimate in pettiness and partisanship was the interplay between Senator Helms of North Carolina and Warren Christopher, the nominee for Secretary of State. Helms reached his climax when he asked Christopher if he knew the Hickenlooper Amendment. When Christopher said he didn't, Helms said he didn't expect he would, almost admitting that this was an obscure, (although important) piece of legislation the his staff had unearthed for the purpose of embarrassing Christopher.

Senator Robb of Virginia suggested that these intricate questions be put to Christopher in writing to be answered in writing. Helms agreed, but referring obviously to the Tower and Thomas hearings that were beaten to death by the Democrats, made it plain that he would continue. He then, and this is the sad part of the story, went into a lengthy recital of a meeting he had with President Carter during which Carter helped him pick up papers he had dropped. He made his point to Carter, Carter promised to discuss it with the two people involved, Helms left and as he said at the confirmation hearing, "I never heard any more about it." Utterly irrelevant! For almost half an hour the nominee sat listening as Helms mumbled, shuffled papers, and finally agreed to send an aide with the Hickenlooper Amendment for Christopher to read for his response.

The hearings are a farce and a formality. If they're going to confirm, do it and get on to important business. If there are serious objections, go to it and get the facts. Let's not waste energy, time, and lots of money.

Ham and Bean Supper

GRAFTON - The Grafton-Millbury Knights of Columbus, Benedict Council #2379, will host an old fashioned Ham and Bean Supper on Sunday, February 7th, from 4-7 p.m. at the at the K of C Hall, Ferry Street, South Grafton.

The supper is open to the public. The menu will include ham, baked beans, tossed salad, bread and butter, a beverage and desert. Tickets are $4.00 for adults and $2.50 for children age 10 and under. Tickets may be purchased at the K of C hall on February 7th, starting at 3:30 p.m., or in advance by calling Benedict Council Grand Knight Norman Jacques at 839-2654.

Friends Meeting

MILLBURY - The Friends of the Millbury Public Library will meet on Thursday, February 4, at 7 p.m. at the library. Any adult who has paid for a single or family membership is a Friend and is eligible to attend. New members are always welcome.

Adopt a Hydrant

MILLBURY - The Millbury Fire Department is asking the residents of Millbury to adopt a fire hydrant for the winter season. If you live in the vicinity of a hydrant, you are asked to keep it clear of snow after each storm.

Education Express Program

MILLBURY - The Millbury Public Schools are participating in the Education Express program being run by BIG Y Supermarkets. The program will allow the schools to earn free computers, software, textbooks, sports and band equipment. Details about joining in the program are being sent home with students. Residents can also register at the store. The Elmwood Street School ID number is 1754, the R.E. Shaw School ID number is 1713 and the High School ID number is 1714. The program will run from January 11 through June 6, 1993.

CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

MILLBURY - The Friends of the Millbury Public Library will hold a Book and Bake Sale from 9 a.m. to noon.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

MILLBURY - The Millbury Super Park Committee will meet in the Millbury Town Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Home delivery of books

MILLBURY - If you live alone and are confined to your home due to a serious illness or other physical handicap, Millbury Public Library books will be delivered to you by a library volunteer approximately every two weeks. Both regular and large print books are available. Library volunteers will work hard to match your reading preference to the titles delivered to you.

For more information, call 865-1181. As soon as possible, a volunteer will return your call to discuss their service and talk to you about your reading preferences.

Kollios office hours

BOSTON - Representative Paul Kollios (D-Millbury) will hold February office hours on Tuesday, February 9, from 6-7 p.m. at the Millbury Town Hall. He will also meet February 4 at the Millbury Senior Center.

Anyone can meet with Kollios at his District Office on 505 Washington Street in Auburn by calling 832-9845 or (617) 722-2291 for an appointment.

DEADLINE

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Roach said she felt that FinCom was understanding of the schools' plight last year. "I would like to know if the support will be there from the FinCom even if the EEO monies are lost," she said. "We will need an override this year. We lost, by cuts, $62,000 this year. We will need it just to keep the EEO funds. Would the Finance Committee support that action?" she asked.

"Personally," Rice replied, "yes."

School Committeeman Victor Kourey suggested that if the schools push for an override for the $62,000 and are unsuccessful, then the town could come up with the money through the general municipal government and go for an override. "They would have a better chance of getting it," he said, "and it would not effect EEO monies."

Superintendent Spence said he didn't think there could be any transfers from the general treasury to the school department. "I think the town is at its levy limit," he said. "I don't think they can do it unless they have free cash, which, I understand, is not there. As to the EEO funds," he continued, "supposedly if you accept a grant of $100,000 you are to increase your local support by that amount to match it, plus any increase or decrease in enrollment."

Spence, while cautioning that he did not want to give out any false hope, said, "I am hopeful that at a State Department of Education meeting tomorrow, that hopefully they will be helpful in giving us a waiver for any money short in effort of maintenance for FY '93. I say that optimistically."

Spence also said the leadership in the community tried to do what was right and tried to give the School Department as much money as it could. "The only way we could have gotten more money," he said, "was through an override or exemption of any capital expenses that haven't been exempted with a tax cap. The problem with this meeting tonight as far as accomplishing anything is, there are no figures. Well, you're not going to have any until the cherry sheet arrives, probably in July or August. You are also in the midst of school reform which hasn't been passed yet. The matter may be dictated by school reform as to what monies are available. EEO will be history if it goes through as I understand it, as that will be included in the amount of state aid to communities. We will be in deep trouble if school reform doesn't pass. Not only here, but in other places. If School reform doesn't pass," Spence continued, "we will have to match the EEO funds of $157,000 in local effort without added state aid."

Spence also noted that with respect to per pupil expenditures, Sutton is lower than its five surrounding communities. "It's pathetic what we get from the state for aid," he said.

FinCom member Kenneth Piel said that when going into the annual town meeting, FinCom was assured that the money earmarked for the schools would support the effort of maintenance. "Subsequently," he said, "at the time of the special town meeting later in September, we were assured again that with the cut of $38,000 the effort of maintenance would be there." He then suggested that the School Department and/or School Committee designate someone to attend FinCom budget meetings to keep updated.

School Committeewoman Alison Snyder said she supported Piel's suggestion as it would put both committees in a cooperative rather than adversarial position.

Roach asked Spence what options the School Committee would have if the State Department of Education fails to approve a waiver at his meeting with them tomorrow.

Spence said an override or exemption of capital expenses from the tax cap would be needed.

Roach said one of the purposes of tonight's joint meeting was for FinCom to know the School Committee's position. "We are looking for your support," she said.

"We ought to work to the benefit of everyone," Piel responded.

In response to a question from Kourey as to why budget sessions are so late, Piel noted that the process has already started. "Details are usually coming in at the 11th hour," he said. "Budget proposals need to be paralleled together to have them before the Finance Committee so advance knowledge is there when decisions have to be made. If everyone works together with us, the process will be easier."

Roach remarked that during the last budget round, the School Committee went before FinCom yet there seemed to be an about face. "Why were certain things not included in the budget?" she asked. "We looked dumbfounded. You cut them out. We gave you the smallest budget we could."

Rice replied that FinCom wants the bottom line figure from departments. "That's your responsibility," she said. "I think all three boards have to get together on this: the Selectmen, the School Committee and the Finance Committee. We need to have realistic numbers to keep the quality of life we are accustomed to."

Piel said there is a need to investigate a change in philosophy which might consider short term borrowing as part of the process.

Kourey said that if an override is necessary, "It shouldn't be one department versus another department. Possibly a municipal government override should be looked at."

Rice suggested that that be part of a discussion with the Board of Selectmen and that a lump sum figure be established. She also said this year's discussion with the board should include ways to build up the tax base.

Waiver of Policy

The Committee met with a parent seeking a waiver of policy of the School Choice plan to allow her child to remain in the Sutton School system even though the family has moved out of town. The plan only allows for three students in each grade K-8 to take advantage of the plan, a cap which has already been met in Sutton. The parent noted that her child, an eighth grader under Chapter 766 regulations, would be better off staying in the Sutton Schools until the end of this year.

After considering the rationale of establishing the cap in order to maintain a viable class size, the committee voted to allow the administration to keep the child in grade eight until the end of the second quarter.

The vote was 4-0-1 with Snyder abstaining.

Educational Philosophies

During the "Citizen Speak" part of the meeting, resident Maureen Roberts approached the Committee with a request that they collectively and individually be prepared to express their educational philosophies at a special meeting to be held on February 1st. Roberts asked for an open presentation of the ideas and goals committee members hold for the Town with respect to education. "I know we face difficult financial times," she said, "but I truly believe that not all changes should be measured in dollars and cents."

Former School Committee member Elizabeth Bacon encouraged the committee to be bold as they go into this February meeting. "I know that Sutton is in tough straits financially," she said, "yet if you would spend as much time on educational philosophy and exactly what makes good students and good teachers as you do on the budget and budget figures, then I believe Sutton could be truly an excellent place. There is excellence here all around us. I think now, especially as transition is happening," she continued, "that this is the time to look into the future as much as possible and to do this by bringing in the community, the faculty and students, and pulling together. I know it is not easy, but we need as much energy as possible. We need as much representation as possible, right in this room."

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Selected National Science Scholar

Rebecca Kupscinskas, a freshman at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, has been selected as a National Science Scholar. Notification came in a letter from President George Bush in November.

Kupcinskas is a 1992 graduate of Millbury High School and was co-valedictorian of her class.

Under the National Science Scholars Program, she will receive an academic scholarship in the amount of $2,750 for 1992-'93, renewable for four years.

The Program, proposed by the Bush Administration in 1989, awards scholarships to graduating high school students or to recipients of General Education development (GED) certificates who have demonstrated excellence in mathematics, engineering, or in the physical, life, and computer sciences.

"You have been selected for this award," Bush wrote, "because of your outstanding accomplishments at the secondary level and because of your commitment to pursuing a post-secondary education."

Kupscinskas is the daughter of Patricia and Albert Kupscinskas Jr. of 136 Millbury Avenue.

Named to Dean's List

NORTH DARTMOUTH - The following students have been named to either the Chancellor's List (grade point average 3.8 or higher) or the Dean's List (GPA of 3.2 or higher) at the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth: Gregg C. Greenwood of Millbury, Chancellor's List; Julie K. Jones, Beth A. Krumsiek, Lori A. Sulham, and Andrew S. Wrobel, all of Millbury, Dean's List.

Early School Dismissal

MILLBURY - Wednesday, January 27, will be an early release time day. The High School will be dismissed at noon, the Middle School at 12:30 p.m., and the Elmwood School at 1 p.m. The morning kindergarten classes will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. and there will be no afternoon kindergarten classes. Lunches will be served as usual, except at the High School. Schools are being dismissed early to allow teachers to work on curriculum improvement.

Millbury Women's Club

MILLBURY - Millbury Women's Club will meet Monday, February 1, at the First Congregational Church on West Main Street. Following a mini-lunch at noon, Attorney Susan B. Nissenbaum of Grafton will address the members.

Co-chairwomen for this event are irene Ostrowski and Theresa Wilisch. They will be assisted by: Evelyn King, Irma Kotilainen, Fern Francis, Joan Greenwood, Rose DeToma, Eloise Ducharme, Arlene Ball, and Dorothy Hersey.

Book and Bake Sale

MILLBURY - The Friends of the Millbury Public Library will hold a book and bake sale at the library on Saturday, January 23, from 9 a.m. to noon. Donations of books or baked goods may be dropped off at the library.

6th Annual Lake Singletary Ice Fishing Derby and Pancake Breakfast

MILLBURY - Engine Company #2 of the Millbury Fire Department will sponsor its 6th annual Lake Singletary Ice Fishing Derby on Sunday, February 7, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cash prizes will be awarded for the top five fish. There will be a special prize category for children. The cost is $10 for adults and $2 for children under the age of 12.

Station #2 will also hold a pancake breakfast in conjunction with the derby. The breakfast will run from 6-11 a.m. at Station 2 on West Main Street and will include sausage and bacon. The donation is $3.00 for adults and $2.00 for kids 12 and under.

Volunteers sought for Personnel Board

MILLBURY - The Millbury Board of Selectmen is looking for two individuals to fill vacancies on the Personnel Board. Anyone interested in serving should contact the Selectmen's office at 865-4710.

Sleigh Rally at Waters Farm

SUTTON - A Sleigh Rally, sponsored by the Waters Farm Horseman's Association, will be held at Waters Farm, Waters Road, on Sunday, January 31, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a fun, inexpensive family event. The donation is $5.00 per car.

Experience the days of a bygone era. Watch horse-drawn sleighs compete in a variety of events. Free sleigh rides for all. Warm up beside the bonfire. Hot food and drinks will be provided by the Sutton Lions Club.

This event will be canceled only if the fields are too soft to support parking. If without snow, a carriage rally will be held instead.

To reach Waters Farm, follow signs from Route 395 Exit 4A, and take the Route 146 "Central Turnpike, Oxford" exit.

For more information, call Joy Nydam at 865-1730.

Camp Fire News

MILLBURY - Millbury Camp Fire will hold a "Starry Safari" on Friday, February 12th, at the New England Science Center in Worcester. This is an overnight program, beginning at 7 p.m. Friday until 8 a.m. Saturday. Interested members are asked to contact their leader or call Sue Rainville at 865-4617 for more information.

Sutton performer in Opera Club musical

WORCESTER - Rebecca Oliver, of Sutton, will be performing as Rapunzel in the upcoming Worcester County Light Opera Club musical, "Into The Woods," by Stephen Sondheim. This will be her first appearance before WCLO audiences. She is a Junior at Sutton Junior/Senior High School and works at a local apple orchard. Rebecca has also performed as Morgan le Fay in "The Kids From Camelot."

Oliver said she wishes there were more drama/performance training and opportunities for students in Sutton who are talented in areas other than sports.

Performances of "Into The Woods" will begin Thursday, January 28, at the Worcester County Light Opera Club on Grandview Street in Worcester. For information about shows and performance times, call WCLO at 753-4383.

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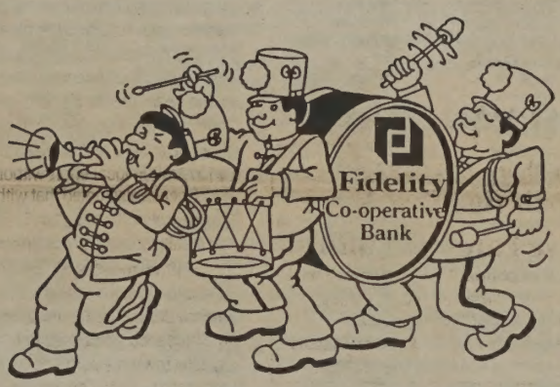

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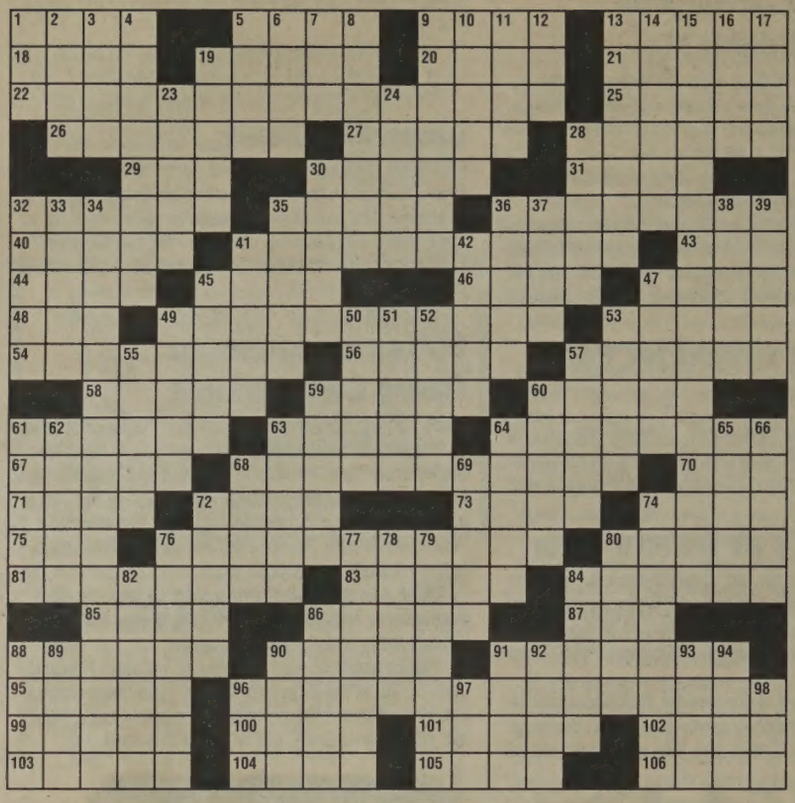

By Letitia Luxton

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1 Comedienne Pitts
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9 Discotheque dancing style
13 Puff adder
18 Hemsley sitcom
19 Spot for desert dates
20 Pound or Stone
21 Grenoble's river
22 Spoonerized Thanksgiving dinner item
25 Minotaur's island
26 Endurance
27 "Take Me —": Gleason musical
28 Piled up
29 These, in Thiers
30 Allen or Martin
31 Vermeer's "Girl with — Hat"
32 Wrong place to put all your eggs
35 "Over —": W.W. I song
36 Jackie's daughter
40 Change
41 Spoonerized dinner entree
43 Absalom to David
44 Fortune-teller
45 Kind of frost
46 Where Anna met the king
47 Wearing shoes
48 "Where — at": scene of action
49 Spoonerized dinner favorite
53 Cousin of bingo
54 Negative terminals
56 Historic Belgian city
57 Party —: wet blanket
58 In the buff
59 Electron tube
60 Snafu
61 Maltreats
63 Fashion designer Geoffrey
64 Caused distaste
67 Letters from Greece
68 Spoonerized dinner drink
70 Before, poetically
71 Diplomacy
72 Make haste
73 Campus Betty
74 Apple of one's eye
75 Numerical suffix
76 Spoonerized dinner extra
80 Slyly malicious
81 Road over wet ground
83 — lazuli
84 Go —: deteriorate
85 — morgana: mirage
86 Ballerina Alessandra
87 Stolen
88 Van of "Johnny Eager"
90 Famed basso Cesare
91 Issue forth
95 Abhorrence
96 Spoonerized theme holiday
99 French income
100 First shepherd
101 Lift with a crane
102 Let up
103 Celestial beings, in Brest
104 Singer Vallee
105 Painted metalware
106 Morse code characters

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1 Do in, comic style
2 Writer Kingsley
3 Family branch
4 Traveler, at times
5 Homer's "Rosy-fingered —"
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10 Clear air
11 Diver Louganis
12 Western Hemisphere org.
13 Monarch butterfly's look-alike
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15 Spoonerized dessert
16 Art Deco designer
17 Cattail or clarinet
19 Pindar, notably
23 Arabian bigwig
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28 Seraglio
30 Puppeteer Lewis
32 Fundamental
33 Prince Valiant's wife
34 Spoonerized side dish
35 Warty amphibians
36 Allegedly payless misdeed
37 Alt. names
38 Not a soul
39 Home of a biblical witch
41 — down: quieted
42 Practice
45 River Styx locale
47 South Korea capital
49 Oxen restraints
50 Eero Saarinen's dad
51 Satellite of Saturn
52 Granted
53 Ring dog?
55 Attacks with vigor
57 — down: became quiet
59 City on the Jumma
60 Persians' foes
61 Montezuma, for one
62 Blessed woman, in the Vatican
63 Overgrown with shrubbery
64 Street rebellions
65 Wear away
66 Took out
68 — rug: danced
69 Nero"s 1103
72 Mountain ash
74 Formally put into office
76 Early, to Pepys
77 In a smooth manner
78 Cavils
79 Like an honest piano?
80 Madame Chiang kai-Shek, nee —
82 Honor the flag
84 Burmese statesman U
86 Made to pay for misdeed
88 Sabra's lively dance
89 Lost Paradise
90 Hollywood's "Elephant Boy"
91 Wicked
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97 "— Rifles": Burt Reynolds film
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The undersigned is submitting an Environmental Notification Form ("ENF") to the Secretary of Environmental Affairs on or before January 15, 1993. This will initiate review of the above project pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act ("MEPA", G.L. c. 30, secs. 61,62-62H). Copies of the ENF may be obtained from: Robert J. Larkin, Alternative Resources, Inc., 9 Pond Lane, Concord, MA 01742, 508/371-2054. Copies of the ENF are also being sent to the Conservation Commission and Planning Board of Millbury where they may be inspected.

The Secretary of Environmental Affairs will publish notice of the ENF in the Environmental Monitor, will receive public comments on the project for twenty days, and will then decide, within ten days, if an Environmental Impact Report is needed. A site visit and consultation session on the project may also be scheduled. All persons wishing to comment on the project, or to be notified of a site visit or consultation session, should write to the Secretary of Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02202, Attention: MEPA Unit, referencing the above project.

By Arthur Levesque, proponent
January 21, 1993

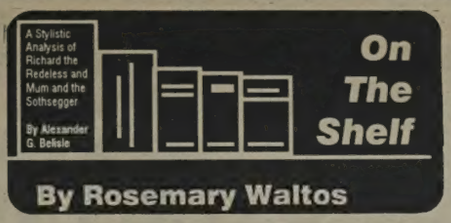
Sutton Planning Board
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with MGL Chapter 40A and the Sutton Zoning By-law Article 13.5, the Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 1, 1993, at 7:45 PM in the Municipal Center, to review a Site Plan application of J.L. Poirier Building & Landscaping Co., for property located at 151 Boston Road, Sutton. The proposed project is for a Landscape Supply, Nursery and Gift Shop.

Copies of the proposed project plans are on file in the Town Clerk's office and may be viewed during regular office hours.

All interested parties are welcome to attend.

Scott Paul, Chairman
January 14 and 21, 1993



By Rosemary Waltos

The Friends of the Millbury Public Library is a group of your friends and neighbors who have rallied together to support Millbury Public Library's effort to bring quality library and information services to the Millbury community. One of the Friends' main purposes is to raise money for the library. Money raised is given to the library to supplement, enhance and develop services and collections. For example, in 1992 the Friends provided over $500 for children's programs. Once again this year, the Friends generously donated $1,500 to the Millbury Public Library Fund to help bring the fund in sight of their $10,000 goal.

Each year the Friends hold several fund raising events, such as their ever-popular book and bake sales in January and September each year, along with a yard sale in May and the sale of coffee and donuts during the town's Memorial Day Parade. As a result, last year the Friends raised approximately $1,000.

On Saturday, January 23 from 9 a.m. to noon, the Friends will hold its semi-annual Book and Bake Sale on the ground level of the library. You can expect to find lots of used books in both hardcover and paperback. There will be books for all ages, including picture books for your favorite preschooler.

To sweeten the day, there will be cookies, cakes, and dessert breads to buy and take home with you. If you're looking for an eye opener, Irene Army, who organizes and mans our bake table, will also be glad to serve you coffee and her special blueberry muffins for a small donation.

The day doesn't stop there. While you're enjoying the book and bake sale, the fundraising committee for the Millbury Public Library Fund will be celebrating the end of its fundraising campaign special events and activities. Young and old alike will be invited to celebrate and thank all the donors to this all important fund raising campaign to establish the MPL Endowment Fund. On hand to liven up the festivities will be Binky the Clown to entertain the young and young at heart. Kerry Whiterell and Tabatha Davis will be glad to brighten your face with their face painting talents. At the same time, browse among the works of local crafts people on display throughout the library. Finally, to top the day, the grand prize winner of the MPL Fund Money Raffle will be presented with her winnings, a check for $1,000. Don't miss the fun.

Have a lot of old books cluttering up your book shelves? The Friends would like to take them off your hands. Book donations can be dropped off at the library before and on January 23. If you like to bake, baked goods would also be much appreciated.

In case of severe storm weather, both the Book and Bake Sale and the MPL Fund Celebration will be postponed until the next Saturday, January 30.

The Friends of the Millbury Public Library is a membership organization. You can support them by becoming a member. Memberships are: $2 single, $5 family and $25 sustaining/corporate. You make your check payable to the: Friends of the Millbury Public Library and mail it to: Millbury Public Library, 128 Elm Street, Millbury, MA 01527.

Library Hours: Tues-Thurs 10-8; Fri 10-6; Sat 10-1. 865-1181

School Lunch Menus

WEEK OF JANUARY 25-29
MILLBURY HIGH SCHOOL

MONDAY: Ravioli/Meat Sauce, FF, Garlic Bread, Assorted Fruit
TUESDAY: Chicken Pot Pie, French Fries, Pan Roll/Butter, Jello/Topping
WEDNESDAY: Roast Beef Grinder, FF, Corn, Fruit
THURSDAY: Hot Turkey Sandwich, FF, Peas, Cranberry Sauce, Cake
FRIDAY: Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, FF, Tossed Salad

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

MONDAY: Chicken Nuggets, FF, Pan Roll/Butter, Assorted Fruit
TUESDAY: Meatball Grinder, FF, Corn, Jello/Topping
WEDNESDAY: Turkey Syrian, Lettuce & Tomato, Potato Puffs, Fruit
THURSDAY: Juice, Dinosaurs/Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Cake
FRIDAY: Tuna Roll or Pizza, FF, Carrot/Celery, Chicken Soup, Pudding

Open Burning Permits

MILLBURY - The Millbury Fire Department will issue Open Burning Permits on Saturdays, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Fire Headquarters on Elm Street. Open Burning season runs from January 15 through May 1. There is a $5.00 fee for the permit. For further information, call 865-5328on Saturdays between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Additional voices needed

WESTBOROUGH - The Westborough Community Chorus is looking for additional tenor and bass voices. The chorus is currently beginning rehearsals for their spring show which will be presented on May 6, 7, and 8. The chorus rehearses on Monday evenings at the Gibbons Middle School on Fisher Street from 7:30-9:00 p.m. For more information, call Faith at 366-7043.

Lions Club sets agenda

MILLBURY - The Millbury Lions Club has already begun organizing events for the July 1993 Independence Day Celebration. The Club is announcing the events in advance to avoid any conflicts with other events in the town, such as weddings, on these dates:

Second Annual Block Party Saturday, June 12, with a rain date of June 13, 3 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The 9th Annual Independence Day Parade will be held on Sunday, June 27, beginning at 1:00 p.m. The route will stay the same as in the past.

The third annual Chicken Barbecue on the Common will be held Sunday, June 27, from noon to 5 p.m.

The annual carnival at Windle Field will run from Thursday, July 1, through Sunday, July 4th, with a rain date of Monday, July 5th.

Two nights of supervised fireworks will be held: Friday, July 2 and Sunday, July 4, with a rain date of Monday, July 5.

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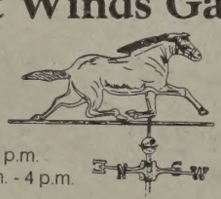

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Spots open on soccer team

MILLBURY - Millbury Magic, an under 12 boys soccer team that plays competitive soccer in the Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association (MYSA) in the spring, is looking for a few boys to round out the team. The team is coached by Joseph Brady, a varsity soccer player at Anna Maria College. The season runs from April 1st to the end of June, and players travel to and play teams from surrounding towns. If you are interested in playing, call 865-3921.

Shown with their third place medals at the Oxford Labor Day Tournament, Millbury Magic team members: front row (l-r) - Dave Jannery, Brendan Brady, Matt Orsi, Ryan Potter; back row - Joseph Salois, Jeremy Piscitelli, Ben West, Joey Megarry, Adam Orsi, coach Joe Brady. Team members not shown: Paul Spang and Michael Mayer.

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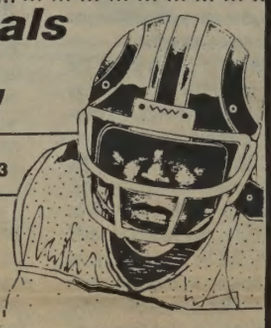

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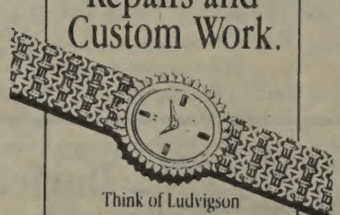

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